



# Encore Youth Music Handbook 2021-22

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**Emergency contact number**

for Saturday Mornings, Concerts / Pre-Concert

rehearsals & all Livewire events:

**07376 673404 or 07583 669393**

These numbers can also be used to send apologies for all rehearsals.

Please check the website regularly for the latest news & updates.

[www.encore-enterprises.com](http://www.encore-enterprises.com)

Handbooks, forms & newsletters are all available to download from the website.

Hard copies are available on request.

For all other Encore enquiries, please contact the office:

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## **A Letter from our Managing Director**

We ask & expect a high level of commitment to our ensembles. We plan our music & our performances specifically for the young people in them. Also, it is important that young people learn about commitment & being part of a team; just like a sports team. We know many families lead busy lives, but we do ask you to help with this. All rehearsal & concert dates are in this handbook for you; there is a separate page for each ensemble. We also help by sending out information to schools in June of each year to help them plan their musical events around the county calendar & to avoid clashes etc.

Encore Youth Music is heavily subsidised by Encore through some of our Music Hub funding from the DfE. It is very good value for money & I hope that parents with more than one child will appreciate the family membership. Don't forget the membership fee is for EYM (not one ensemble), so if you are in more than one ensemble it doesn't cost any more.

If you have any queries, please do contact us at the Encore office or ask on a Saturday morning. I hope that you enjoy this year's experiences at EYM.

**Cliff Woollard**

## **General Information about rehearsals**

Please arrive 5 to 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of the rehearsal to help set up the chairs & be ready to start playing on time! String players in particular need to allow time to tune their instruments.

Rehearsals end at the stated time (i.e. for most of them on a Saturday morning, they end at 11.50), and young people will be ready for collection shortly after when everything has been cleared away – we do expect everyone to help!

Please bring a named music stand, pencil & rubber (no stand needed for choir). Saturday Music Centre has a tuck shop during the break (10.30 to 10.50) so members may want to bring some change.

Can we remind everybody that usual Health & Safety rules apply. Please do not run, particularly on the stairs, & keep to the areas of the rehearsal venues that are being used by Encore Youth Music. Be aware that members of the public use the Shirehall & Town Hall in the evenings & that parents, Hereford Sixth Form College staff & members of the public will be on site on Saturdays.

## **First Saturday Music Centre**

For the first rehearsal of the season only on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September, please arrive at 9.15 for an 'assembly' in the PAC; it will be signposted.

This is for everyone apart from those in the Ukulele Ensemble, Herefordshire Youth Choir or Livewire whose rehearsals/sessions start later in the day.

### **Attendance/Absence**

Members are expected to attend all rehearsals & concerts. However, we do understand that there are times when missing a rehearsal is unavoidable. Please let us know if you are going

to miss a rehearsal:

- let your conductor know at the previous rehearsal
- email [lisa@encore-enterprises.com](mailto:lisa@encore-enterprises.com)
- after 4pm on the Friday prior to a Saturday rehearsal, please leave a text message on the EYM mobile; **07376 673404** or **07583 669393**

### **Instruments**

Please note that the Encore cannot accept responsibility for accidents or loss of instruments at rehearsals or concerts.

Cellists, Double Bass & Bassoon players must have reliable spike protection.

## **EYM Membership/Subscription**

The annual cost of EYM membership is heavily subsidised by the Music Service through our DfE funding and from September 2021 is charged at £125 for one child or £195 for all children living in the same household.

Membership is free for low-income families where the school receives Pupil Premium for a child.

### **Give it a try for free!**

The first couple of rehearsals will be an opportunity for your child to decide if they enjoy playing with the group before any commitment is necessary; please do not pay the subscription until they have been to 2 rehearsals to be sure that they want to continue with EYM. If you or your child are not sure whether this is something that you wish to be involved in, then drop Lisa an email and she will arrange for you to come and visit us to see! You can join at various times of the year.

## The Herefordshire Music Fund



The Herefordshire Music Fund is a charitable trust run by local people. We're driven by the belief that every child & young person should be able to access musical opportunities & develop their talents.

For children & young people in challenging financial circumstances, we provide bursaries to fund instrumental & vocal tuition. We support complete beginners through to the most experienced & across a range of styles including classical, folk, rock, pop & jazz.

We nurture the talent of young musicians across all genres by helping those who struggle financially with the cost of taking part in activities including workshops, courses, residential, events & masterclasses / sessions with renowned musicians.

# Saturday Music Centre

## Starter Strings

**9.15 — 10.30am**

**Conducted by Shirley Aston & Carol Lewis-Merrit**

A Beginner String Ensemble for Violins, Violas & Cellos

Standard required to join: knowledge of basic finger pattern to Grade 1 +

*Members of Starter Strings can also join the Ukulele Ensemble which rehearses after the break from 10.50 to 11.50am. You will be loaned a ukulele or you can bring your own.*

*Members of Starter Strings can also join the Youth Choir which rehearses from 12.00 to 1pm.*

*There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.*

## Junior Strings

**9.15 — 11.50am**

**Conducted by Hazel Davis & Carol Lewis-Merrit**

A Junior String Ensemble for Violins, Violas & Cellos

Standard required to join: Grade 2 – 3

*Members of Junior Strings can also join the Youth Choir which rehearses from 12.00 to 1pm.*

*There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.*



## **Intermediate Strings**

**9.30 — 11.50am**

**Conducted by Barbara Kinnaird & Shirley Aston**

An Intermediate String Ensemble for Violins, Violas & Cellos

Standard required to join: Grade 4 +

*Members of Intermediate Strings can also join the Youth Choir which rehearses  
from 12.00 to 1pm.*

*There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.*

## **Starter Concert Band**

**9.15 — 10.30am**

**Conducted by John Griffiths & Lorna Ruth**

A Beginner Wind Ensemble for Woodwind & Brass

Standard required to join: ability to play 5 notes confidently

*Members of Starter Concert Band can also join the Ukulele Ensemble which rehearses after  
the break from 10:50am to 11:50am. You will be loaned a ukulele or you can bring your own.*

*Members of Starter Concert Band can also join the Youth Choir which rehearses  
from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.*

*There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.*

## **Junior Concert Band**

**9.30 — 11.50am**

**Conducted by Hazel Martys & Lorna Ruth**

A Junior Wind Ensemble for Woodwind, Brass & Percussion

Standard required to join: Grade 1 - 2

*Members of Junior Concert Band can also join the Youth Choir which rehearses  
from 12.00 to 1pm.*

*Brass players can join the Brass Band, rehearsing on Wednesday evenings.*

*There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.*

## **Intermediate Concert Band**

**9.30 — 11.50am**

**Conducted by Becky Griffiths, Karen Coleman & John Griffiths**

An Intermediate Wind Ensemble for Woodwind, Brass & Percussion

Standard required to join: Grade 3 – 4

*Members of Intermediate Concert Band can also join the Herefordshire Youth Choir which  
rehearses from 12:00pm to 1:00pm*

*There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.*

# Herefordshire Youth Concert Band

**9.30 — 11.50am**

**Conducted by Cliff Woollard & Andi Licqurish**

A Senior Wind Ensemble for Woodwind, Brass & Percussion

Standard required to join: Grade 5 +

*Members of Herefordshire Youth Concert Band can also join the Herefordshire Youth Choir*

*which rehearses from 12:00pm to 1:00pm*

*Brass players can join the Brass Band, rehearsing on Wednesday evenings.*

*Woodwind & Brass players (not saxophones) may be able to join the Youth Orchestra,  
rehearsing on Tuesday evenings; auditions may be required.*

*There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.*

# Ukulele Ensemble

**10.50 — 11.50am**

**Conducted by Karen Coleman & Hannah West**

An all-inclusive Beginner Ukulele Ensemble

Standard required to join: From age 6, no experience required; you will be taught to  
play the ukulele & loaned an instrument

*Members of Ukulele Ensemble can also join Starter Strings or Starter Concert Band if they  
play an appropriate instrument to the required standard.*

*Members of Ukulele Ensemble can also join the Herefordshire Youth Choir which rehearses  
from 12:00pm to 1:00pm*

## Herefordshire Youth Choir

**12.00 — 1.00pm**

**Conducted by Jon Weller & Hannah West**

An all-inclusive Choir for Young People

Standard required to join: from age 6, no singing experience required

*Members of Youth Choir can also join any of our other ensembles if they play an appropriate instrument to the required standard.*

*There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.*



**1.30 — 4.00pm**

Livewire is our all-inclusive Popular Music programme for all young people in Herefordshire.

Anyone aged 11-21 can get involved in Livewire, whether they are accomplished musicians or just starting out.

*Members of Livewire can also join any of our other ensembles if they play an appropriate instrument to the required standard.*

*There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.*

# Weekday Ensembles

## Herefordshire Youth Orchestra

**Tues 5 — 7pm**

**Conducted by Cliff Woollard & Barbara Kinnaird**

A Senior Orchestra for Strings, Woodwind, Brass & Percussion

Standard required to join: Strings: Grade 5 +, Woodwind & Brass: Grade 6 +

*Members of Youth Orchestra can also join the Youth Choir which rehearses  
on Saturday mornings.*

*Brass players can join the Brass Band, rehearsing on Wednesday evenings.*

*Woodwind, Brass & String players can join ensembles which rehearse on Saturdays.*



### **The Tuesday Sessions**

**Tues 5:30 — 7:30pm**

**Coordinated by Chris Butts**

The Tuesday sessions are a weekly, term-time, drop-in for anybody interested in Popular Music. Whether you've never picked up an instrument before or you're a grade 8, classically trained violinist or anywhere in between, we invite you to flex your musical muscles.

# Herefordshire Youth Brass Band

**Wednesday 5 — 7pm**

**Conducted by John Griffiths, Liessa Price & Andi Licqurish**

An all-inclusive Brass ensemble for all ages & abilities

Standard required to join: any standard from beginners

*Members of Herefordshire Youth Brass Band can join any of our Saturday Music Centre*

*Ensembles if they play an appropriate instrument to the required standard.*

*There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.*

## Dates For Your Diaries

Rehearsal Dates	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022
<b>Saturday Music Centre</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>		15 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> (Choir 10 - 11.30am)	2 <sup>nd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Herefordshire Youth Orchestra</b>  (Tuesdays)	21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sunday rehearsal) 5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>		18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday rehearsal) 8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup>				
<b>Livewire</b>  Tuesday Sessions	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Herefordshire Youth Brass Band</b>  (Wednesdays)	15 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>		19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>		

<b>Concert/Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Ensemble(s) performing</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Autumn Youth Music Concert	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November from 2pm onwards	All EYM Ensembles, Bands & Choir	St. Martin's Church, Ross Road, Hereford
Autumn Youth Music Concert	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm	Herefordshire Youth Orchestra & Herefordshire Youth Concert Band	Holy Trinity Church, Whitecross, Hereford
Carol Playing	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Herefordshire Youth Concert Band	Old Market, Hereford
Army Benevolent Fund Carol Concert	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Herefordshire Youth Concert Band	Hereford Cathedral
Spring Youth Music Concert	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm	Herefordshire Youth Orchestra	The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford
Spring Youth Music Concert	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> May 7pm	Junior Concert Band, Intermediate Concert Band, Herefordshire Youth Concert Band, Herefordshire Youth Brass Band	The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford
Spring Youth Music Concert	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> May 7pm	Starter Strings, Junior Strings, Intermediate Strings, Starter Concert Band, Ukulele Ensemble, Herefordshire Youth Choir	The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford



